



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

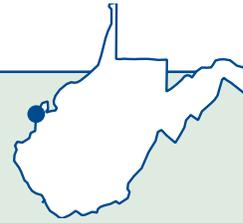
Point Pleasant, WV

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Point Pleasant was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in western West Virginia, Point Pleasant (population 4,367) is part of the northeastern United States rust belt. After the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad was built, industry and manufacturing in Point Pleasant thrived. Since the 1970s, however, industry in the area has declined, leaving behind approximately 70 acres containing abandoned and deteriorating factories. In addition, between 1990 and 2000, the city's population declined 10 percent. More than 24 percent of the city's households live below the poverty level. Point Pleasant's per capita income is \$16,692. After the brownfields are assessed and eventually cleaned up, the city plans to use them for commercial and industrial develop-



Assessment Grant

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\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Point Pleasant for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to inventory and prioritize brownfields sites, and conduct three to five Phase I and two to four Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to develop cleanup strategies, and implement community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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<http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/bfs/index.htm>

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

ment. Brownfields redevelopment will restore jobs, increase the city's tax base, enhance property values, and eliminate pollution.